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**"Strength Through
Diversity"**

Mr. J. Stuart Adams
State of Utah, DOT
Transportation Commission
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Michael Milovich
Commissioner
(435) 636-3272

Re: ***Transportation Commission***

Dear Chairman Adams:

I enjoyed meeting you at our last Joint Highway Committee session in Layton. I am confident your past experience in local city government and state government as a legislator will serve you well in your new position as Chairman of the State Transportation Commission.

William D. Krompel
Commissioner
(435) 636-3273

As follow-up to our Joint Highway Committee meeting on October 12, 2007 at the Davis Conference Center, I am sending you a copy of a TRAFFIC VOLUME MAP FOR UTAH. The thicker lines on the map all represent State owned roads, while the thinner lines with a pentagonal emblem are county roads.

My motivation for asking Carbon County's GIS staff to produce this map is to enable us to determine Annual Average Daily Traffic Counts on sections of roads statewide for comparative purposes.

Steven Burge
Commissioner
(435) 636-3271

In Carbon County's case, I would invite your attention to State Highway 10 from the Price Highway 6 Interchange South to Ridge Road. Along this stretch of Highway 10 the Annual Average Daily Traffic for 2006 was 7,270. As you can see from the map, that is more traffic volume than I-70 from the Utah/Colorado border westerly to Fremont Junction. There is also more traffic on this stretch of SR-10 than on US-6 from Green River to Thistle except the Wellington to Price US-6 corridor which was recently widened to four lanes.

Because Carbon County is the largest producer of coal and second largest producer of natural gas by county (see attachments) a higher portion of our traffic is heavy industrial trucks. Unfortunately, most of this SR-10 stretch is two lanes and is in dire need of widening. Currently there is a moratorium on new development in this part of Carbon County due to the SR-10 road issue.

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From your CRITICAL HIGHWAY NEEDS FUND (Revised list 10/10/2007) I noticed the only project on SR-10 listed is a \$15,000,000 widening south of Emery to Muddy Creek Bridge.

Based on the foregoing information, I would like to urge you and the Transportation Commission to fund a major improvement project along this section of SR-10 in the very near future commensurate to the need and traffic volume.

The last item I would like to ask for your consideration and support is final funding from UDOT to finish Carbon County's Carbonville Road. Carbonville Road originally was part of a state highway that linked Price to Helper until State Highway 6 was built. This road was then transferred to Carbon County jurisdiction by the State and has served as the major arterial road accessing west and east Carbonville. It is our busiest road in our county's road system with 5,000 average daily vehicles. For fifty years there has been no major reconstruction on the road until last year. After 6 years of planning we finally secured in 2006 \$2,000,000 from UDOT for Carbonville Road for drainage and widening to three lanes. This funding along with Carbon County's local tax dollars completed about 40% of the 3.4 miles of total length.

All of the environmental clearances, rights of way, utility relocations and engineering design have been completed and paid for by Carbon County for nearly a year on the last unfinished section of Carbonville Road. We are anxiously awaiting another \$2,000,000 from UDOT for construction to complete drainage and widening to three lanes. As further local commitment to the project, we will match the estimated additional \$1,500,000 needed to complete this critical improvement on Carbonville Road.

Please contact me if you have any further questions on these two important transportation issues.

Sincerely,

William D. Krompel

William D. Krompel
Carbon County Commissioner

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Enclosures

cc: Michael S. Milovich (w/encl.)
Steven D. Burge (w/encl.)